

In the Claims:

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Claim 1 (currently amended) A device for dispensing pre-printed ticket formatted in a strip including a plurality of scoring lines successively delimiting the tickets, said device comprising:

- means of request by a user for dispensing a pre-determined number of tickets,
- means of conveying the strip of tickets from an admitter toward an exit opening, that sets at least one set of automated opposing rollers in motion to convey the strip between them,
- a cutting mechanism that mainly consists of a cutting device moveable between a homing position and a cutting position on the strip along one of its scoring lines,
- a stepping motor for conveyor rollers to route the strip toward a theoretical cutting position following a determined number of steps of the stepping motor corresponding to the number of tickets required,
- a control mechanism for implementation of the stepping motor for the conveyor rollers and the cutting device, said control mechanism containing means of detection of a position of the strip in relation to a position of the ~~mobile~~ cutting device,
- means for adjusting the position of the strip from the theoretical cutting position toward, if necessary, a correct cutting position, said means for adjusting containing an initial means of memory of the individual length of tickets starting from a count of the number of corresponding steps of the motor, wherein the means for adjusting additionally comprises a second means of memory of a characteristic motif on the

tickets, as well as the means of recognition of the characteristic motif scrolling by while the strip is being routed toward the theoretical cutting position, and wherein the motif is formed by a sequence of marks, the means of recognition comprises a detection sensor for detecting the marks as they scroll by, and means of comparison for comparing the detected marks with the motif that was previously stored in the second means of memory.

Claim 2 (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the cutting device comprises a guillotine blade associated with a moveable between the homing position, in which the strip is free, and the cutting position, in which the press keeps the strip in position against an opposing table.

Claim 3 (previously presented) A device according to claim 2, wherein the press and the blade move in a coordinated manner such that the strip is positioned against the table prior to cutting the ticket.

Claim 4 (previously presented) A device according to claim 3, wherein the press consists of an elastic component for maintaining the press against the table in opposition to its raising by the guillotine blade.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the guillotine blade is of the connecting rod-crank (25,26) type.

Claim 6 (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein cutting blade of the cutting device is toothed for progressive cuts of full portions of the strip included between two successive weakening of the scoring lines.

Claim 7 (previously presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein the admitter is arranged as a hopper forming a guide rail and keeping the strip of tickets on flat plane toward the conveyor rollers.

Claim 8 (previously presented) A machine for interactive games quipped with a device for dispensing tickets according to claim 1, wherein the machine includes a plurality of reserves of strips of specific tickets to each of which a delivery device is assigned.

Claim 9 (previously presented) A machine for interactive games according to claim 8, wherein the machine further comprises means for collection, display and interactive communication with a remote communications center for registration with the remote communications center of data relating to at least one game of chance selected by the user and for registering and displaying results of the game of chance originating from the remote communications center.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendment to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 9, the only claims presented. Claim 1 has been amended to obviate the Examiner's objection thereto.

Applicant is submitting herewith the executed declaration and PTO Form 2038 for the \$65 completion fee.

Claims 1, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by the Roberts et al application and claims 2 to 7 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over the Roberts et al application taken in view of the Wargon application. The Examiner states that Roberts illustrates in Fig. 2, a device for dispensing pre-printed tickets (vending machine 10) and that the abstract teaches that the tickets are formatted in a strip including a plurality of scoring lines successively delimiting the tickets. The Examiner concedes that Roberts fails to teach the blade being a guillotine blade or toothed but cites Wargon as showing this.

Applicant traverses these grounds of rejection since the Roberts et al application does not anticipate or render obvious Applicant's invention which is directed to a device for the delivery of pre-printed tickets packaged into strips which included weakening lines delimiting the tickets.